

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 70
By McLeary

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mrs. Ruth Davis Hymers
of Jackson.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of
the passing of Mrs. Ruth Davis Hymers on January 21, 2003; and

WHEREAS, we were comforted in knowing that Mrs. Hymers has now joined lifelong
companion and loving husband, the dearly departed former District Attorney General of
Jackson, Mr. George W. Hymers; and

WHEREAS, the Hymers were exemplary public servants who worked assiduously to
improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens in many capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Sturgis, Kentucky, Mrs. Hymers was the daughter of the late
Kenneth G. and Casey Nunn Davis; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hymers attended Cumberland University, and she graduated from that
school in 1938; while a student at the university, she was honored with the title of "Miss
Cumberland University," and she was recognized as a most distinguished alumna with the
"Award of the Phoenix" in 1980; and

WHEREAS, upon her graduation from college, Mrs. Hymers returned to Union County,
Kentucky, where she served with the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity as teacher in the

school district of Union County, Kentucky; she distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication and a compassionate educator of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, Ruth Davis married George W. Hymers, at which time began a lifetime of love and companionship, a strong marriage that was an example to friends and family alike, and a testament to the power of loyalty and devotion; and

WHEREAS, in 1946, the Hymers moved to Jackson, when Mr. Hymers was transferred to that city during his twenty-five year service as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hymers quickly became active in the Jackson community, and she served the city as a Troop Leader in the Reelfoot Council of the Girl Scouts of America, as a member and officer of the Jackson Evergreen Garden Club, and as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; and

WHEREAS, George W. Hymers also dutifully served the people of Jackson as the Jackson District Attorney General; during his exemplary tenure, Mr. Hymers was recognized as a public servant who worked tirelessly out of a sense of responsibility to his fellow man, and he earned the admiration of members of both the bench and the bar for his concern for and commitment to justice for the people of Jackson; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 1950s and 1960s, Mr. and Mrs. Hymers worked as counselors for young campers in Black Mountain, North Carolina; Mrs. Hymers for Camp Merri-Mac for Girls, and Mr. Hymers for Camp Timberlake for Boys; and

WHEREAS, the Hymers were active and devout members of the First Presbyterian Church, which Mrs. Hymers served faithfully for more than fifty-five years, including work as a Sunday School teacher and as an officer in the Presbyterian Women's organization; and

WHEREAS, the Hymers were also deeply devoted to their family, and they always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hymers were fortunate to share their love with their three children: daughter, Susan, and her husband, Gary Boutwell; son, Bill, and his wife, Molly Hymers; and daughter, Kathy Frye; and

WHEREAS, the Hymers were further blessed with six grandchildren: Charles Frye; Davis Frye and his wife, Martha; Susan Weir and her husband, Trey; Laura Hymers; Caroline Jackson and her husband, Stephen; and Joel Boutwell and his wife, Megan; and four great-grandchildren: Coleman and Thomas Frye, Kathryn Weir, and Virginia Ruth Boutwell; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hymers was preceded in death by her daughter, Jean Davis Hymers, and her son-in-law, C. Coleman Frye, Jr., as well as her beloved husband; and

WHEREAS, the Hymers have left behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in their public lives, compassion and loyalty in their private lives, and diligence and dedication in all of their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful lives of these exceptional public servants and human beings; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mrs. Ruth Davis and Mr. George W. Hymers, reflecting fondly upon their impeccable character, their loving marriage, and their stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the Hymers family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.